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In re Application of

BRUNO BRET ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 09/666,612

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SOFTENING LOTION COMPOSITION, USE THEREOF IN PAPER MAKING, AND RESULTING PAPER PRODUCT Group Art Unit 1616

K. George, Examiner

Alexandria, Virginia June 17, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action mailed March 17, 2003 in the captioned application.

The sole rejection is of claims 22 and 23 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,146,648.

The captioned application and U.S. Patent No. 6,146,648 are commonly owned by Georgia-Pacific France (which prior to a change in name was known as Fort James France). Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer for the captioned application with regard to U.S. Patent No. 6,146,648. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is requested.



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Reconsideration and formal allowance of the claims is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,
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